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Humans are Complicated, and Full of Surprises!

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The first post was a hit so I am gonna continue with Shallaxdra's stories about her her human encounters. I am not gonna promise any regular posting schedule. Just gonna post what and when it occurs to me. I hope you enjoy this second round, and of course, comments and suggestions are welcome.

Shallaxdra Morningstar here with more on the wonders of humanity. These tales are my observations and memories from my evacuation adventure. Our trip to Earth on a repurposed passenger liner was comfortable enough. The scale of furnishings was a bit awkward for me since I am only the size of a ten year old human. The kitts just thought the oversized furniture made every room into an indoor playground.

I also learned that Humans are not all the gigantic creatures I had encountered back on Jendar. The women ranged from 1.4 metres to 1.7. The men from 1.7 to 1.9. So they were less scary than the soldiers, but just as determined to keep us safe. They happily answered any questions we had about life on Earth. This was going to be a learning experience for Human and Jendari alike.

Our arrival on Earth was amazing. The ship entered orbit above Earth and we all got to stand by the huge windows to get our first look at Earth. The wonder I felt when I first saw the blue and green planet defies description. I could feel the power of life in that planet, it pulsed with living energy. Even my twins were awed into silence, briefly. We were ferried to the planet in shuttlecraft since the liner can not fly in the atmosphere. Zoe and Shan were glued to the windows as much as they could be, and stared at the view screen when they had to be belted into their seats.

We landed in a city called Toronto on the shore of one of the ocean sized lakes. Our shuttlecraft was designed to land on water, so we landed in the harbour. This gave us a wonderful view of the city as we landed. We were amazed by the size of the buildings and the numbers of boats of various sizes bobbing on the water. We went from shuttle to a vehicle for land travel called a bus. It had huge windows and we spent the half our trip gazing in open mouthed awe at the wonders around us. Public art displays were everywhere; sculptures in myriad styles, murals on huge buildings, and buildings that were works of art themselves. We were told that this was a proud city tradition dating back almost a thousand years. We were high on wonder.

The refugee centre was in a school building that was not in use since it was summer. Human children do not attend school in summertime. The humans had turned most of the classrooms into dormitories. Simple but comfortable beds, with tall cabinets to store clothes and personal things in beside each bed. They even had furniture that was more scaled to our stature, even the kitts.

Most of the people at the refugee centre had never been off planet, so we were as amazing a sight for them as humans were for us at first.

The kind people who came to help us were called volunteers. They were there out of kindness alone, this was not their employment. Most had regular jobs as well as helping us. They were untrained, but well prepared. There were a few awkward moments of us being treated like children because of our size. I understand that I am the height of a human 11 year old, but I am 67 years old. Zoe and Shan are 5 year olds, despite being the size of human newborns. So picking them up and cooing about a cute baby is a sure way to get shouted at, as one young volunteer found out.

So there were a few bumps along the way, but nothing to take away from the incredible kindness we met with. Soon other volunteers came and took some of us to their homes. Yes, they opened their homes to us and made us feel like family. I cried tears of joy when I was told a young family with children the same age as Zoe, and Shan wanted to meet us.

I was very nervous as I entered the meeting room with Zoe and Shan. The humans were named Frank and Ellie, and their daughters, Megan and Liz who were six. We talked about our life back on Jendar. My being a musician seemed to really appeal to Ellie, her brother was a musician, and artist. Frank worked in building, and Ellie worked from home. This allowed her to be there for Megan, Liz and their older brother Mac, who had declined coming to meet us. He was 16 and would rather be with his friends. The kitts got along well and were soon off playing while we talked. I think the kitts made the decision easy, and we were soon packing our few belongings.

Their house was outside of a town called Orangeville, on a large piece of land. There were huge open fields for the kitts to play in, a small stand of trees, and a small pond, all within sight of the house. Ideal place for young adventurers with somewhat nervous mothers. There was a guest house on the property, only a few metres from the main house. This was where we would be staying. I was delighted, real privacy and not feeling like I was invading Frank and Ellie's home. There was also a large barn that had been made into a house and workspaces for Frank's older brother.

Ellie invited us to the big house for dinner and offered me lessons on human foods. I was so happy to learn. I had some idea what human food was like, but no idea how to prepare it. I really enjoyed the kitchen chatter as Ellie and I made dinner. Chicken, with french fries and salad. Nothing fancy Ellie had said, but it was my first home cooked meal in nearly a month, and it was exotic.

As we sat to eat the door opened and someone came in. Frank said it was his brother who came for dinner. I was waiting to see and meet him when Zoe and Shan exploded out of their seats. Squeals of delight filled the air, as I sat there puzzled. Then I heard.

"HA HA well hello Munchkins, how are ya!" in a deep voice I recognized immediately.

"Gus!" I exclaimed as I jumped out of my seat and ran to hug him. "How? What?" I stammered.

Gus smiled and said. "When I got home from the space ship I told Frank and Ellie about you and the kids. I told them how you loved our music and art. How you are good people, scared but doin the best for your kids in spite of it. Then we all decided that you needed to spend your time on Earth here, and here you are." he smiled a huge smile, and said "C'mon let's eat, I'm starved!"

He sat the kitts in their booster seats and sat beside me.

"I'm glad you're here!" he said, and he smiled.

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